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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Steven A. Sunshine et al.

Debra Ann DeBello

Application No.: 09/600,346

Filed: July 14, 2000

For: ALIGNED PARTICLE BASED

SENSOR ELEMENTS

Examiner: Easthom, K

Art Unit: 2832

**AMENDMENT** 

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A sensor array for detecting an analyte in a fluid, said

sensor array comprising: first and second sensors wherein said first sensor comprises a

sensing region of an aligned conductive material and a nonconductive region; and

wherein said sensor array is electrically connected to an electrical measuring apparatus.

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